

REMARKS

Please reconsider the application in view of the above amendments and the following remarks.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant thanks the Examiner for indicating that claims 64 and 66-71 contain allowable subject matter. In this reply, claims 64, 66 and 69 have been rewritten into independent form. All remaining claims depend, directly or indirectly, from claims 64, 66, or 69. Accordingly, this application is now in condition for allowance.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §102

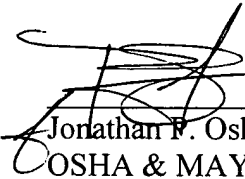
Claims 62, 63, and 65 stand rejected over U.S. Patent No. 6,400,670. Claims 62, 63, and 65 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Thus, this rejection is now moot.

Conclusion

Applicant believes this reply is fully responsive to all outstanding issues and places this application in condition for allowance. If this belief is incorrect, or other issues arise, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned or his associates at the telephone number listed below. Please apply any charges not covered, or any credits, to Deposit Account 50-0591 (Reference Number 04558.038004).

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